

Miss Emma Morris, one of Minersville's fair ones, is spending a few days in town.

Michael H. Cuff returned to-day after a short visit to Lost Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kelley, accompanied by their daughters, Lizzie, Edith and Ida, attended the funeral of Mr. Kelley's mother at St. Clair yesterday.

Henry Hershkovits, editor of Centralia Journal, was in Mt. Carmel on business yesterday.

George Troutman, L. E. Davis and Joseph Brownell, a trio of our popular young men, attended the Telegraphers' ball at Ashland last evening.

Clayton Spurr, Edward Troutman and William and John Simmons attended a party given by a number of Ashland's fair maids last evening.

Misses Mame McBrearty, Alice Bailey, Annie Carey and Messrs. Wm. Ryan and Charles McBrearty, a representation of our social young people, attended the party at Shenandoah on Wednesday evening.

Search your home well for the next few days and find the oldest and most tattered clothes you can. Put them on and join us at the Hard Times ball on Monday evening, April 2nd.

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Mrs. Lizzie Curley, of Wilkes-Barre, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Littlejohn. A child of Griffith Griffith lies ill at Park place.

Lincoln J. Carter's production, "The Fast Mail," will be the next attraction at Kaiser's opera house, appearing on April 24th.

Joe McDonald, a music teacher from New York, is the guest of W. W. Lewis.

Michael Mooney and Miss Rose Whiteley were married in St. Caucius church yesterday afternoon. Many friends were present. The bride made a beautiful appearance in a cream costume.

After the ceremony was performed the couple were driven off to their future home in Robinson's Patch.

Kaiser's opera house hall was crowded last evening with the members and friends of Washington Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

The event was a testimonial to the ladies who had aided the company at their most successful fair last November, and also celebrated the eighth anniversary of the organization's existence.

The order of the evening was a banquet, dancing and a good time. Beautifully, a turkey supper in which all the delicacies of the season were part, was followed by dancing.

Music was furnished by Prof. Jones orchestra. Among those present were: Misses Cora Decker, Nellie Marsden, Bessie Hopper, Sallie Smith, Carrie Graef, Lillie Adams, Clara Pierman, Hannah and Jennie Befowier, Mame Gearhart, the Misses Fowler, Clara Granger, Emma Hand, Mary Schrier, Sallie and Cassie Yienget, Messrs. A. D. Sitzer, George Warner, James Kirschner, John Yienget, Sydney Landau, O. V. Raush, John W. and James Parker, John Moyer, Amos Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Levi and Charles Brownmiller, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brownmiller, Mr. and Mrs. John Minchell, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frank, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hoppes, Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mrs. Will Richardson, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Hendricks and many others.

Among those from out of town were: Miss Lila Lewis, of Pottsville, and Dr. E. D. Longacre, of Shenandoah. The organization made an especial effort to make the evening a pleasant one for Dr. Longacre, who recently was so successful in treating a valuable horse.

During the evening a number of members present were given honorary headquaters to witness an exhibition of the new horses. Though having but six weeks training the animals already understand their duties, and when the gong rings, they dash forward to their places behind the track.

As kittens until harnessed. But sixty seconds were required to call and harness the horses to the truck in the exhibition last night. The evening's entertainment was concluded by a cake walk which was declared a draw between Dr. E. D. Longacre and Miss Nora Reinhart and Levi Brownmiller and Miss Carrie Graef.

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BREEZY TIME IN THE HOUSE

A Recurrence of the Exciting Days of the Fifty-first Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A recurrence of the exciting days of the Fifty-first congress during the consideration of the contested election cases which led to Mr. Reed's famous rulings occurred in the house yesterday, by a strange coincidence, during the consideration of a contested election case. When it had been demonstrated that the Democrats had not enough members present to break the deadlock on the O'Neill-Joy case Mr. Patterson presented a resolution instructing the sergeant-at-arms to arrest absentees. A struggle followed which was prolonged after the usual hour of adjournment, and at one time threatened to keep the house in session all night.

After the usual hour of adjournment, and at one time threatened to keep the house in session all night. After the previous question was ordered, the house was treated to the unusual spectacle of seeing the speaker take the floor for a speech. It was brief, but full of spirit, and was largely an appeal to the Democratic side to attend the sessions and prevent these constantly recurring deadlocks. The prolonged filibuster aroused partisan feeling, and toward the close it broke forth in all its fury.

The speaker decided to crush down the opposition by ruling all dilatory motions out of order. This he successfully did, amid a chorus of protests, sharp words and at least one attempt to bring a member (Mr. Payne of New York) before the bar of the house for contempt. After the adoption of the Patterson resolution the excitement subsided, and by mutual agreement the house adjourned.

After many delays and disappointments the celebrated McGarran bill passed the senate yesterday. The morning hour was occupied in the discussion and passage of several bills of purely local interest, and the McGarran bill occupied the remainder of the time from 2 o'clock until the hour of adjournment. The senate went into executive session at 5:15, after which it adjourned until Monday, when Senator Harris intimated that the tariff bill would be taken up.

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SENATOR CHARLES F. CRISP

The Speaker of the House Offered Colquitt's Vacant Seat.

ATLANTA, March 30.—Governor Northen has appointed Speaker Charles F. Crisp to succeed the late Senator Alfred H. Colquitt. Not a word has passed between the governor and the speaker, and the latter's name had not even been presented formally to the governor.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—It was after midnight when Governor Northen's telegram offering the junior senatorship of Georgia to Speaker Crisp reached him. It is understood that Mr. Crisp first thought,

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The river and harbor committee of the house has practically completed the river and harbor bill for this congress, though there may be some minor changes therein when the bill is finally passed on by the committee. The bill makes a total appropriation approximating \$9,500,000.

FATHER MALONE ELECTED. ALBANY, March 30.—Father Sylvester Malone, of Brooklyn, was yesterday elected rector of the University of the State of New York. In the senate Father Malone received 48 votes and Eugene Kelly, of New York, 12. In the assembly the vote stood: Malone, 74; Kelly, 43.

IF there ever was a real cure for chronic Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Hoarse and Sore Throat, and all the ailments of the throat, it is Dana's Sarsaparilla. It is sold at T. F. W. Smith's Drug Store.

BEAR IN MIND. John A. Reilly is in the place to get the purest wines and liquors, best beer and ales and finest brands of cigars.

after recovering from the surprise incident to the receipt of the telegram, to wire the governor at once that he could not accept the office. He finally decided, however, to hold his answer in abeyance until he could consult with political friends and associates, and he telegraphed the governor to that effect.

The unexpired term to which Mr. Crisp is appointed closes March 3, 1895, the same time that his term as speaker of the house would expire should he decide to remain in that position. There are, therefore, many considerations which will urge Mr. Crisp not to accept the offer of the senatorship.

MEETING OF THE EMPERORS. ABAZIA, March 30.—When Emperor Francis Joseph arrived at the station at Matugile yesterday he was met by Emperor William. The two emperors kissed each other twice on meeting. The reception accorded the Austrian emperor was most enthusiastic. The emperors took tea together on board the warship Moltke and subsequently dined with the German empress at the Villa Analia.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH started on his return to Vienna at 4 o'clock last evening. He was accompanied to the railway station by Emperor William, and as the imperial majesties drove through the streets to the station they were given another ovation by the crowds of people who lined the entire route.

WHEN COURT was called to order Judge Forbes instructed the stenographer to make a transcript of Taylor's evidence taken before the grand jury to certify and present it to him. "I will then see," he said, "what right another judge has to interfere with the business of this court. This court has been tried with long enough. If the witness refuse to testify before me, and if I have jail enough in this county in which to confine them, and they continue to refuse to open their mouths, we will send them to prison and keep them there until they will testify."

WHEN YOU come in out of the rain, don't plump your nice silk umbrella, ferule down, into the umbrella stand unless you want to ruin it. That lets the water and tiny specks of "grit" run down into the lining under the iron ring that secures the ribs, and it stays there, making the silk tender and rots it. Neither should you leave the umbrella open to dry, as that stretches the silk and makes it stiff, and it will soon split. Shake it well, then close it and stand it handle down where the water will run off. Never set an umbrella or parasol away tightly folded. It will spit out just as soon again. Leave the folds to lie loosely.—Washington Star.

THE DEATH PLANT OF JAVA. Java, the land of the famous and much exaggerated "Death valley," has many wonderful curiosities, the principal one being the "kaki miah," or "death plant." It grows only on the sterile soils of the volcanic regions of Java and the adjoining islands and is even there reckoned as a curiosity on account of its extreme scarcity. It grows from 2 1/2 to 3 feet in height, with long, slender stems, well protected by stout thorns nearly an inch in length. The ground leaves are of a delicate, satiny smoothness, heart shaped, emerald green on one side and blood red, streaked and veined with light blue on the other.

THE FLOWERS of this death dealing beauty are even more beautiful than the plant itself, being very large and cup shaped and of a color almost deathly in its whiteness. The name of the plant is from a characteristic of these splendid flowers, which, beautiful though they are, continually drip with a deadly poison.

THE POISON, which is distilled in the bottom of the cup shaped blossom, has the sickening odor of chloroform, intensified a dozen fold, it being powerful enough to overcome a full grown man in a few seconds, even when inhaled in open air. The perfume, if such a pungent odor can properly be so called, produces insensibility in the form of convulsions, distorting the face, especially the mouth and eyes, into a horrid, crazy looking grin. Recovery from the effects of inhaling this odor is said to be very slow.—St. Louis Republic.

CUTTING UP A WHALE. When a fish, as the whalers will forever call a whale, is taken, the ship goes alongside and the creature is fixed head and tail in a curious and ancient fashion, so that by slackening or tightening the ropes each part of the vast body can be brought uppermost. A whole boat may be seen inside the giant mouth, the men hacking with axes to slice away the 10 foot sections of bone, while others, with sharp spades, upon the back are cutting off the deep great coat of fat in which kindly nature has wrapped up this most overgrown of her children. In a few hours all is stowed away in the tanks, and a red islet, with white projecting bones, lies alongside and sticks like a stone when the ropes are loosed.

SOME YEARS ago a man, still lingering on the back, laid the misfortune to have his foot caught between the creature's ribs at the instant when the tackles were undone. Some one hence those two skeletons, the one hanging by the foot from the other, may grace the museum of a tropical Greenland or astonish the students of the Spitzbergen Institute of Anatomy.—A. Coan Doyle in McClure's Magazine.

OVERPOWERED BY MASKED ROBBERS. CLEVELAND, March 30.—Six robbers overpowered A. W. McNager, night telegraph operator and agent at Olmstead Falls station, on the Lake Shore railroad, a few miles west of this city, about midnight, and took his gold watch and money, then bound and gagged him and blew open the safe with powder. The amount secured is not known. People were awakened and pursued the robbers, who were captured and brought to this city. They bear the appearance of tramps.

COULD NOT LIVE APART. WINCHESTER, N. Y., March 30.—Miss Sarah Billings and sister Linda, aged 35 and 40 years respectively, were found dead in bed. A note explained that their death was by poison, self administered, because one of them was intending to get married, but love for each other prevented them from enduring separation. They were well to do.

CHARGES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. LIMA, O., March 30.—B. C. Faurot, late president of the Lima National bank, has created a sensation here by issuing a circular letter to the stockholders of the bank, accompanied by a tabulated statement to back up his charges, that